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Baker to Ask F.B.I. and C.I.A. For Data on Murder of Roselli

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (UPI) —Senator Howard H. Baker, Republican of Tennessee, said today he would ask the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency to provide any information they had regarding the murder of John Roselli, an underworld figure who had testified he made several attempts under the direction of the C.I.A. to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Mr. Baker, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he would ask Clarence M. Kelley, director of the F.B.I., and George Bush, director of Central Intelligence, to provde him with a "full briefing" on the case.

Mr. Baker also said he would talk with Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Democrat of Hawaii, the committee chairman, about whether the panel should investigate the possible link between the slaying of Mr. Roselli and that of Sam Giancana, the Chicago crime figure, who was shot to death in his home in June 1975.

"There appears to be a connection," Mr. Baker said. "Both agreed to testify on the same subject. Both were involved in the same assassination operation."

Mr. Roselli's body, stuffed in a 55-gallon oil drum, was found by fishermen Saturday floating in Miami's Dumbfounding Bay. He had been missing since July 28 when he left his sister's home to play golf.

Mr. Roselli, 71 years old, had appeared before the Senate Intelligence Committee a few days after Mr. Giancana was murdered and testified he and Mr. Giancana had been recruited by the C.I.A. to kill Premier Castro. Mr. Roselli said he had made several trips to Cuba in the early 1960's and had tried unsuccessfully to kill the Cuban leader with poison, high-powered rifles and explosives.

Mr. Roselli told the Senate committee he had refused C.I.A. financial aid for his attempts to kill Premier Castro but he had used several speedboats supplied by the C.I.A. to make trips to Cuba.

Mr. Baker said Mr. Roselli had agreed to testify only after he was assured he could do so secretly and was granted immunity from prosecution by the committee.

Dade County detectives said they were investigating possible links between the slaying of the two underworld figures but added, "It's a big puzzle and we have to put all the pieces together."

Large holes had been cut in the oil drum in which Mr. Roselli's body was found and the drum had been wrapped in chains. Dade County authorities said that Mr. Roselli had died of asphyxiation.

"They obviously expected that the body would never float up," Dr. Donald Wright, the chief deputy medical examiner, said, "because no efforts were made to destroy his fingerprints or teeth. The lengths to which they (the killers) went to insure the body would not be found clearly earmarks this as a true gangland-style killing."